

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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a load handling device mounted for movement on said mast in a first direction;

a light source disposed on said load handling device; and

a lens disposed adjacent to said light source,

wherein a light beam emitted from said light source passes through said lens and is formed into a shape having a cross section that is elongated in a second direction that is substantially perpendicular to said first direction,

wherein said load handling device includes (1) a lift bracket mounted on said mast, and (2) a fork engaged with said lift bracket,

wherein said light source is mounted on a center of said lift bracket.

2. (Amended) The forklift as claimed in claim 1, wherein said lens has a cylindrical shape having a center axis in parallel to said first direction and perpendicular to a light propagation direction.

Please cancel claims 3 and 4 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

5. (New) The forklift as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first direction is a vertical direction, and said second direction is a horizontal direction.

6. (New) The forklift as claimed in claim 1, wherein said light source is a laser light source.

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7. (New) The forklift as claimed in claim 1, wherein said light source emits said light beam in a third direction that is substantially perpendicular to said first and said second directions.

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